Appointment of foreign company as advisor for modernization of stations

†2730. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a foreign company has been appointed as advisor for converting several major railway stations of the country into stations of international standard;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the stations selected Under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (b) A consortium comprising of M/s Terry Farrel and Partners, Hong Kong, Ove Arup and Partners, Hong Kong and SMEC International Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon have been engaged as Consultants for re-development of only New Delhi railway station as world class station.

(c) Other 21 stations identified for development as World Class station are: Pune, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (Mumbai), Howrah, Anand Vihar (Delhi), Bijwasan (Delhi), Lucknow, Amritsar, Chandigarh, Varanasi, Chennai, Thiruvananthapuram, Secunderabad, Ahmedabad, Patna, Gaya, Bhubaneswar, Mathura, Agra, Bangalore, Bhopal and Jaipur.

New track for additional passenger trains

†2731. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States of the country in which additional passenger trains are being run this year;

(b) whether Railways has also made any provision for laying new tracks for these new trains;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reason therefor;

(e) whether Railways has started additional passenger trains in Haryana during the last two years; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The train services of Rail Budget 2007-08 shall serve the following states:

Andhra Pradesh	Tamil Nadu	Rajasthan	Goa
Madhya Pradesh	Jharkhand	Gujarat	Delhi
Jammu and Kashmir	Karnataka	Haryana	Punjab
Uttar Pradesh	Maharashtra	Orissa	Bihar
Uttarakhand	Chhattisgarh	Kerala	Assam
West Bengal			

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